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LB 320

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Koch, do you want to start on LB 320? Okay, Clerk will read the title.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 320 offered by the Education Committee and signed by its members. (Read title). The bill was read on January 19 of this year. The bill was reported to the Education Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. There are committee amendments pending by the Education Committee, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. LB 320 is legislation that deals with the community colleges in the State of Nebraska. The bill has been amended by the committee. We deleted certain parts of the material in the original bill, and rather than to waste our time I would ask that we adopt the committee amendments and then I will take you through the sections of the bill that still remain and explain exactly how they would function. I ask for the adoption of the committee amendments.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, Senator Koch, there are no lights so do you wish to discuss the committee amendments? Okay. Okay, the motion before the House is the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 320 as explained by Senator Koch. All in favor of that motion vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of the Education Committee amendments, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried. The amendment's adopted. Senator Koch, do you wish to explain the bill, and then we have about four amendments.

SENATOR KOCH: Yes, I will, thank you. What we have in the bill now...originally the community colleges came in and they were requesting that they be allowed to change the role and mission statement that we consider allowing them the privilege of offering a nurse's course for associate degrees and the committee felt that we could not at this time amend the role and missions because it has not yet been demonstrated that this is necessary, so it remains as is. In addition to this, the community colleges are requesting that we expand the programs on general studies. If you recall originally, each campus had one campus designated specifically for general studies,